

HOUSEHOLD DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

[In thousands]

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011	Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011	Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011	Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011	Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011
Total not in the labor force.....	84,468	86,049	17,470	17,424	22,365	22,853	44,633	45,772	33,588	34,549	50,880	51,501
Do not want a job now ¹	78,518	80,120	15,497	15,671	19,773	20,258	43,248	44,191	30,816	31,756	47,702	48,364
Want a job ¹	5,949	5,929	1,974	1,753	2,592	2,595	1,384	1,581	2,772	2,792	3,177	3,137
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,850	2,887	927	811	1,138	1,125	786	951	1,201	1,277	1,649	1,611
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,099	3,042	1,047	942	1,454	1,470	598	630	1,571	1,515	1,528	1,526
Not available to work now.....	551	530	213	209	274	247	64	74	216	197	335	334
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,548	2,511	834	732	1,180	1,222	534	557	1,354	1,319	1,194	1,192
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴ ...	1,209	1,037	317	213	559	561	332	263	730	585	478	452
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,340	1,474	517	519	620	661	202	294	624	734	716	740
Family responsibilities.....	350	180	54	24	198	129	99	27	133	30	217	150
In school or training.....	402	314	290	271	93	43	19	0	207	181	194	133
Ill health or disability.....	28	121	4	4	14	64	9	52	13	57	14	64
Other ⁵	560	859	169	221	316	424	76	214	270	466	290	393

1 Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

2 Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

3 Persons "marginally attached to the labor force" are those who want a job, have searched for work during the prior 12 months, and were available to take a job during the reference week, but had not looked for work in the past 4 weeks.

4 Discouraged workers are persons marginally attached to the labor force who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for reasons such as thinks no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

5 Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.